the management of Hotel Siddarth Continental, New Delhi, they have not submitted any application to any Government authority for permission to reopen the Hotel.

(b) Does not arise.

Food corporation of India

1579. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the loss to the Food Corporation of India as on 31st December, 1985;

(b) what was the quantity of foodgrains in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India as on 31st December, 1985; and

(c) what is the effect of the hike in issue price of foodgrains announced in January, 1986 on wiping off the loss of the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Food Corporation of India procures and issues foodgrains on 'no profit no loss' basis as per prices fixed by the Government. The difference between its operational cost and the issue prices is reimbursed to the Food Corporation of India in the from of subsidy. As per revised estimates of the Government of India the total foodgrain subsidy for 1985-86 (RE) is Rs. 1650 crores against which a payment of Rs. 1283.08 crores was released to the FCI upto 31st December, 1985.

(b) The stock of foodgrains with the Food Corporation of India as on 1st January, 1986, was estimated at 16.80 million tonnes. In addition, a quantity of 6.52 million tonnes of wheat on central account was with State Governments and their agencies. Thus the total foodgrain stocks in the country was about 23.32 million tonnes.

(c) The increase in central issue price of foodgrains is expected to result in **Reduction in consumer subsidy by about Rs. 33 crores during 1985-86.**

Security arran gements of Banks

1580. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the rise in the number of bank dacoities in Delhi and the neighbouring States, Government have drawn up an acion plan to look after the security of all banks functioning in the Capital;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the action plan; and

(c) by when the said action plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) A meeting of the representatives of the public sector banks in Delhi, the representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Commissioner of Police for Delhi discussed the question of strengthening the security arrangements in banks' branhes in Delhi. The following instructions to banks were reiterated:

(i) to observe weekly off days in branches coinciding with the closing day of the market in the area;

(ii) each branch should have an armed security guard;

(iii) each bank branch should have a collapsible gate at the entrance properly chained and locked to allow entry/exist to only one person at a time;

(iv) there should be self-locking wire meshed cabines for Cashiers;

(v) each bank branch should have a proper alarm system which should not be feeble but should be a loud one; and

(vi) there should be periodical checking of security arrangements by senior officials of the banks. Most of the branches of banks in Delhi have implemented the above security arrangements.